## REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-24, 26-34, 36-38, 40-47, and 49 remain in the application and claims 1, 12, 13, 15, 26, 27, 29, 36, 37, and 40 have been amended hereby. Claims 11, 25, 35, 39, 48, and 50 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

The title of the invention has been changed to --INFORMATION SIGNAL RECEPTION AND TRANSMISSION APPARATUS AND METHOD--, as requested in the Office Action at paragraph 1.

Claim 26 has been amended in part to change "he" to -the--, as requested in the Office Action at paragraph 2.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 40, 42, 43, 45, 46, 49, and 50 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

Claim 50 had been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection thereof moot.

Independent claim 40 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 48, thereby making the amended claim enabled by the specification.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 40, and the claims depending therefrom, meet all requirements of 35 USC 112.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-7, 10, 14-21, 24, 28; 29-32, 38, 39-44, 47, 49, and 50 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Norizuki et al., and

of the rejection of claims 8, 9, 22, 23, 34, 45, and 46 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Norizuki et al. in view of Sugita et al.

Applicant notes the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in claims 11-13, 25-27, 35-37, and 48.

Therefore, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 11, independent claim 15 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 25, independent claim 29 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 35, and independent claim 40 has been amended to recite the limitations of claim 48. Claims 11, 25, 35, 39, 48, and 50 have been cancelled.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 15, 29, and 40, and the claims depending therefrom, are in condition of allowance.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed and is not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

An early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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